The South 40

New leaf varieties introduced

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Two new Flue Cured Tobacco varieties are released for planting in 1983.

Coker 176 is three days later tha Coker 319 and is intermediate in maturity. It has a moderate number of leaves on plants of medium height. It carries a high level of resistance to tobacco mosaic virus, root knot nematodes and Granville Wilt. The resistance to black shank is moderate. It has a moderately high yield potential. In the 1982 official test at the Southern Piedmont Research Station it averaged 2815 pounds and $4959.

K326 flowers at the same time as Coker 319 and has a high yield potential. The medium broad leaves are spaced about 3 1/2 inches apart on medium height plants. This variety is moderately resistant to black shank and Granville Wilt and is resistant to root knot nematodes. In the 1982 official test, it averaged 3119 pounds and $5634.

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The 1983 Direct Marketing Conference will be held at Williamsburg February 9 and 10. Programs and registration forms are available from our office. If you plan to spend the evening--room reservations must be in by January 8 if you wish to be assured of the discount rate.

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The 1982 Census of Agriculture forms are being mailed to farmers in late December. I know that some farmers have already received them.

This is the 22nd Nationwide Census of Agriculture.

The report is to be completed on the 1982 farm operation. It is important that you make it as accurate as possible. The data becomes important benchmark information for the agricultural community.

The deadline for returning the information is February 15, 1983. Why not take a few minutes now and get this paper work out of the way.

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There's bad news for cattlemen--a new herd was found with Brucellosis last week.

Are all your heifers calfhood vaccinated? Are fences in good shape? This is the best way to keep other cattle out and your cattle in place.

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The All-American selections for 1983 are : Sweet Success, Cucumber; Candlelight, Ornamental Pepper, Acopulco Silver, Kochia variegated and Red Picotee, Grandiflora Petunia. These four new varieties received the Bronze medal award.

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Some work from Missouri may well have application here. Following are calculations based on expected returns per ton of the soil lost as a result of the cropping practice. Alfalfa is known as a profitable and high quality forage; however, these calculations emphasize that net returns based on single year crop budgets do not tell the story.

Eight-year average new land returns estimated soil losses, and returns per unit of soil loss.

Crop	Net Land Return 8-year average	Est. Soil Loss (Tons/ac)	Net Return to Soil Loss ($/Ton)
Soybeans	84	14—35	2—6
Corn	34	13—25	1—3
Corn Silage	43	14—30	1—3
Grain Sorghum	34	13—25	1—3
Wheat	38	8—13	3—5
Alfalfa Hay	51	2—4	13—25

In spring 1982 there were 24 cucumber varieties tested at the Eastern Shore Branch Research Station. The two top performers were: Centurion and Dasher II each produced 112.5 bu. fancy fruit per acre under dry conditions.

Centurion seed is from Northrup-King and Dasher II is from Peto.

Hospital installs computer, critical patients to benefit

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Currently the equipment is in use in the coronary care unit and in the progressive care area; there are 15 beds which can be monitored. Computerized monitoring, or telemetry, will soon be used in all the hospital's critical care areas and in the Emergency Department.

Alice Johnson, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing for Critical Care Services says, "We are very excited about this new equipment. It means that nurses can spend more time with their patients and less time with equipment. We can tailor each unit to each patient and we have found that the care we provide is more efficient and sophisticated.

"This equipment is also quieter. It is less alarming to patients and their families; there aren't as many beeps and buzzes and alarms. There is also more space, the new monitors take up less room than the old equipment. And the patients benefit through faster, even more accurate monitoring."

The equipment, which cost $586,000, will be paid for from 1982 and 1983 operating revenues and from the construction budget.

"This installation culminates a year-long evaluation and decision making process among the nursing staff, local physicians and the hospital administration," Ms. Johnson said.

ASCS Today

Virginia corn crop may reach 62 million bushels

By TOM CONRAD

Virginia Corn Crop Forecast at 62 Million Bushels - Virginia farmers expect to produce 62 million bushels of corn for grain in 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's November crop production report. The total compares with 56.2 million bushels produced in 1981 and 32.7 million bushels in 1980.

Corn yields are expected to average 100 bushels per acre this year, compared with 90 bushels last year and 55 bushels two years ago.

Nationally, the Department estimates a record high 8.33-billion-bushel crop this year, 2 percent more than last year's crop. The larger crop. The larger supply and expectations for only modest growth in demand will continue to depress market prices for corn.

Farmers can help solve the supply problem by participating in our 1983 acreage reduction and paid land diversion program. With strong participation, USDA estimates that corn production will be reduced about 600 million bushels from this year's level, lowering year-end stocks and bolstering prices.

The program offers farmers a target price of $2.86 per bushel for corn, a loan rate of $2.65 a bushel, land diversion payments at $1.50 per bushel and deficiency payments at an estimated 21 cents per bushel. Half of the land diversion and deficiency payment rates would be used in computing advance payments for farmers at signup. As of Dec. 20, 263.5 base acres of Appomattox County corn were enrolled in the 1983 program.

USDA's crop production report also showed that Virginia farmers expect to harvest 620,000 corn acres in 1982, compared to 625,000 acres in 1981 and 595,000 acres in 1980.

Farmville FCA office closings set

The Farmville Farm Credit Association will be closed the following days for Christmas and New Years: Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31.

The Lynchburg Branch, which serves Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell Counties is located at 3407 Campbell Avenue with office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ED ANDERSON, president and John Hix, vice president of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau met recently with State Senators Howard Anderson and Eva Scott to discuss the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly. Among the issues discussed, Anderson indicated public employee collective bargaining, government spending and tax limitations, and water rights were high on the list of commendations supported by the Appomattox County Farm Bureau. Delegate, Lewis Parker was also in attendance at the meeting held at Keysville.

Diener to address VAC

Dr. Betty J. Diener, state secretary of commerce and resources will deliver the keynote address at the 12th annual meeting of the Virginia Agribusiness Council set for Jan. 11-12 in Richmond.

Her presentation on "Agriculture -- First in Virginia" will be the opening event on Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West End.

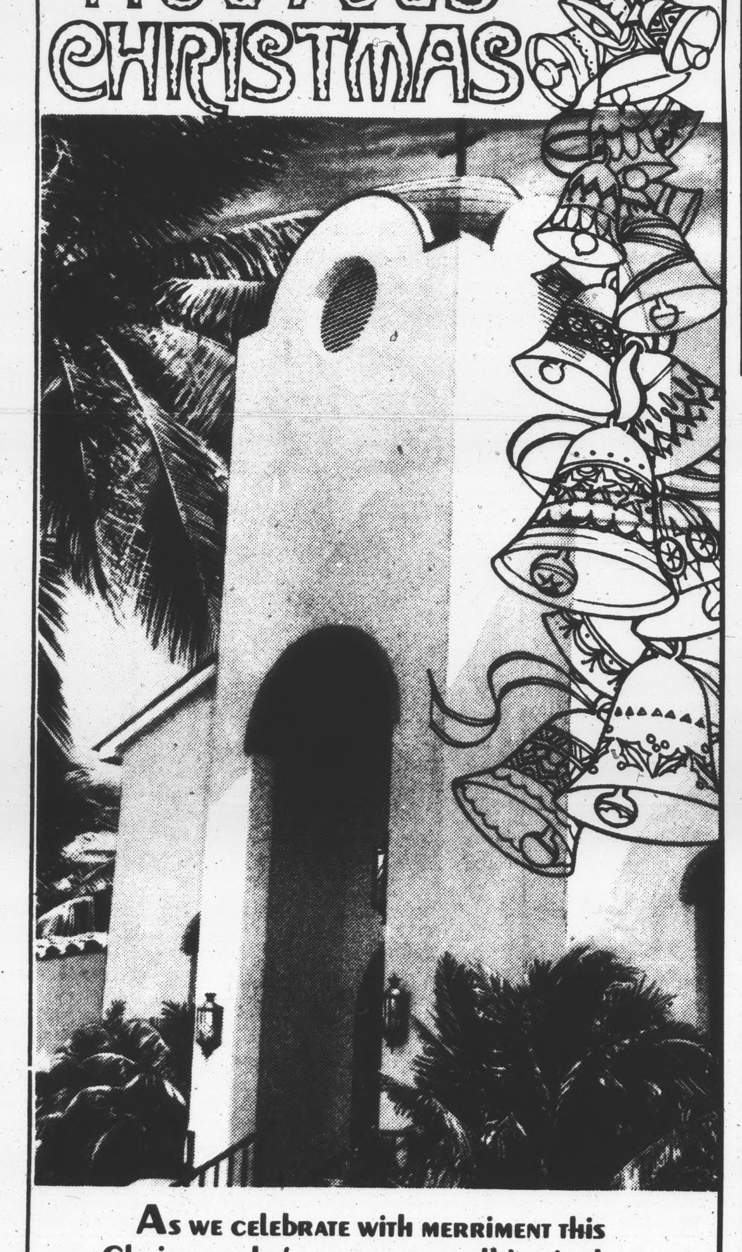
"More state agencies report to Secretary Diener than to any other member of Governor Robb's cabinet," said Millard B. Rice, Jr., Phenix, council vice president and program chairman. "These include the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, the division of forestry, the state Water Control Board and the departments of Commerce and Labor as well as the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services."

Dr. Diener, former dean of the School of Business Administration at Old Dominion University in Norfolk and assistant dean at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, was one of the first women to receive master's and doctorate degrees from Harvard Business School. Her background also includes experience with nationally known business firms.

Thirty-six state legislative issues and 50 national issues will be debated and acted upon at the Council's policy resolutions session, also on Jan. 12. These issues surfaced at earlier meetings of the council's state affairs and national affairs committees.

Several Virginians will be honored for their outstanding contributions to Virginia agriculture at the council's annual awards luncheon that day.

New officers and directors will be elected to oversee the affairs of the industrywide agricultural membership organizaiton during 1983. Through its farm commodity and agribusiness association affiliates, the council represents more than 80,000 Virginia farmer, foresters and allied agricultural and forest products business firms.



As we celebrate with merriment this Christmas, let's pause to recall its timeless message of goodwill towards all men. We thank you for your kind and loyal business this year.

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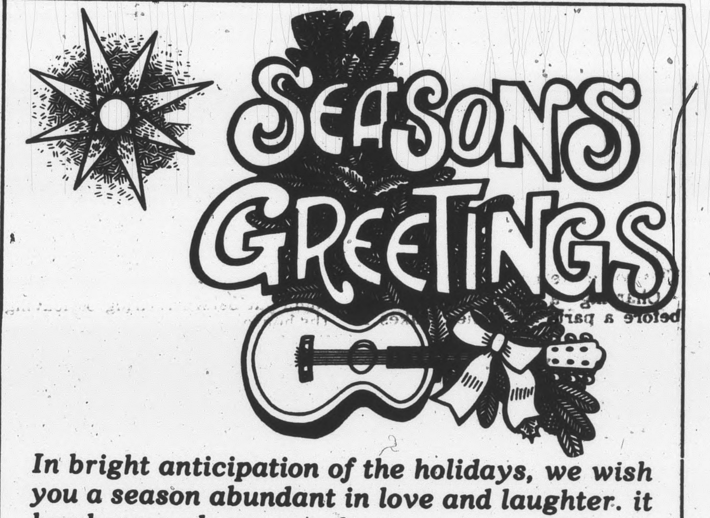

In bright anticipation of the holidays, we wish you a season abundant in love and laughter. it has been a pleasure to have you as our friends and customers.

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19 compete in area Special Olympics

Nineteen Appomattox students competed in the Area 12 Basketball Special Olympics held at Lynchburg College Saturday, December 4.

Opening ceremonies included an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, the introduction of the Olympians, the presentation of a T-shirt to each athlete and the recitation of the Special Olympic Oath, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

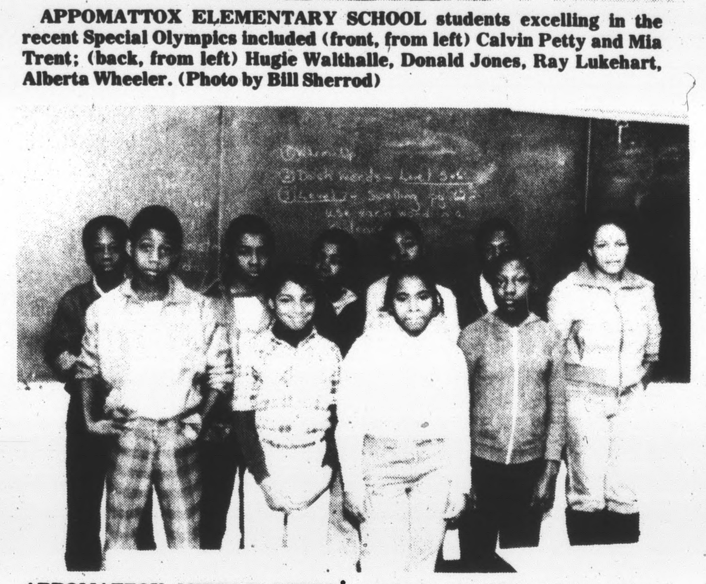
Appomattox students from the Middle and Elementary Schools competed with students from Lynchburg and surrounding counties. After the competition, ribbons for first, second and third palce were awarded. Mia Trent, Shelia Jones, Sharon Abbitt, Sandra Mosley, Chico Goode, James Broggin, Kent Bailey and Karoy Jones received first place ribbons. Alberta Wheeler, Virginia Jones, Barbara Broggin, Calvin Petty, Donald Jones, Roger Abbitt and Don Fleshman received second place ribbons. Betty Morgan, Hughie Walthalle, Ray Lukehart, and Marlon Fleshman received third place ribbons.

Following the games, the Olympians were treated to a victory lunch at Pizza Hut.

The Special Olympians would like to thank their chaperones: Debbie Petet, Dorinda Saxton, Denise King, Lauri Harwood and Mrs. Sayre, the bus driver.

Special thank-yous are also extended to those organizations and individuals whose continuing support and contributions have made our trips possible.

APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students excelling in the recent Special Olympics included (front, from left) Calvin Petty and Mia Trent; (back, from left) Hugie Walthalle, Donald Jones, Ray Lukehart, Alberta Wheeler. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)



APPOMATTOX MIDDLE SCHOOL students excelling in the recent Special Olympics include (front row, from left) Don Fleshman, Shelia Jones, Sandra Mosley, Sharon Abbitt; (back row,f rom left) James Broggin, Marlon Fleshman, Karoy Jones, Kent Bailey, Roger Abbitt, Virginia Jones. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Con$umer $ense Note$

Burn Candles safely

By OCIE M. MACK
Extension Agent

Be Sure Candles Burn Safely

Candles add a warm glow and festive touch to holiday entertaining. But candles can drip, cause stains and start fires if not handled properly.

Almost all candles are labeled dripless and smokeless. However, many homemakers have had dripless candles spot their tablecloths. An imperfect combination of wick size, candle diameter and melting point of the wax causes the dripping.

Even with perfect combinations, dripless candles are dripless only under normal conditions. Air currents, crooked wicks or candles grouped too closely together can cause drips. So can tilted or irregular shaped candles.

Take these precautions to prevent dripping: Keep the wick trimmed to no longer than one-half inch and be sure it is upright before lighting.

If the flame is too low, pour off the melted wax. If too high, trim off the wick. Don't let dirt, wick trimmings or match stubs collect in the top of the candle.

Don't place a candle in a draft. This will make a perfect candle drip.

Charring a new candle wick before a party or dinner makes it light more easily later.

Add one-quarter inch of water to votive glasses before inserting a candle. This will snuff the flame when the candle burns too low and will keep the metal disc on the bottom of the votive wick from becoming hot and cracking the glass. The water also makes it easier to clean out the old wax.

To remove candle wax from fabric, let the wax harden and scrape it off with the dull edge of a knife. If safe for the fabric, pour boiling water through the spot.

If the wax contains a colored dye, it is safer to have the item professionally cleaned. The old blotting paper and hot iron method is no longer recommended since it often sets the dye forever.

If the candle wax should spatter on a wood table top, allow the wax to dry overnight. Then place aluminum foil over the waxy area. Wet a terry washcloth with hot water, wring it out and place the steamy cloth on the foil for three to five minutes. This will soften the wax enough for you to pick it up with your fingers. While the wood still is warm, rub the surface along the grain with a soft cloth.

Candles can be a fire hazard. Keep them away from flammable materials and remember to put them out before retiring or leaving the house.

Have a Safe and Merry Christmas!

Chestnut Grove news

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass and Mrs. Joan Price entertained the families of the community with a Christmas open house Saturday night at their home.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cook of Cairo, Egypt; Mrs. E.D. Millar and granddaughter, Leah, both of Front Royal.

C. Wayne Cook and Jill of Richmond were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Cook. Also Edward T. Cook of Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass visited Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall nursing home in Blackstone Sunday.

Sunday dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cook of Cairo, Egypt; Mrs. E.D. Millar and Leah of Front Royal; Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Morris and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris and boys, all of Appomattox.

A correction in last week's news: Mr. Whit Rosen passed away at Virginia Beach rather than Mrs. Whit Rosen, as stated.

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club will meet Monday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Don Morris as planned.

Mr. Bill Senger is on the sick list.

Mrs. John Meek of Virginia Beach spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Senger and family spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Prator of Crewe.

Hollywood

By MARY BAGBY

"Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

What have we done to Christmas? We've become so obsessed with the getting and giving that no time is left for loving and living. We invest in too much merry-marking and mirth to give scarely a thought o our dear Saviour's birth." (Copied)

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas program presented at Hollywood Church Saturday night, Dec. 18, and the social hour afterwards. Thanks to all who made this possible.

We were very sorry to hear Mrs. Mattie Franklin is not well at this time. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

We wre very sorry to hear of Mrs. W. M. Abbitt, Sr.'s accident. She fell and broke her wrist several times. We wish for her a very speedy recovery.

Rev. Bob Williams and Rev. David Garrett visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Seabron Adamee, of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel of Lynchburg Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Torrence of Bedford and Mrs. Margaret Boothe, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. Lave Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence Friday. Miss Cecil Torrence and Mrs. Annie Elliott, of Farmville, visited in this home Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Saturday morning. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Smith may soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and daughter, April, had a birthday party Thursday night, Dec. 16, for their son and brother William. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watson and Mrs. Katherine Wingfield and daughter, Julia, were guest present.

Those calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby last week were Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell. Mrs. Monroe Webb, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Dawn and Kenneth Stewart, Deaner, Mrs. Raymond Franklin, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Thomas, Ruby T. Lisa Woodall, Katherine and Julia Wingfield.

May the blessings of Christmas light the way to a bright and happy New Year.

This is my Christmas wish and prayer for the **Times-Virginian**, the staff and all its readers, neighbors, friends and relatives:

I said a pray for you today,
And I know that God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I know you wouldn't mind)
I asked him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that he'd be near you at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small.
But it was for his loving care
I prayed the most of all (Copied)

Have a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year each of you.

IRS to decrease interest

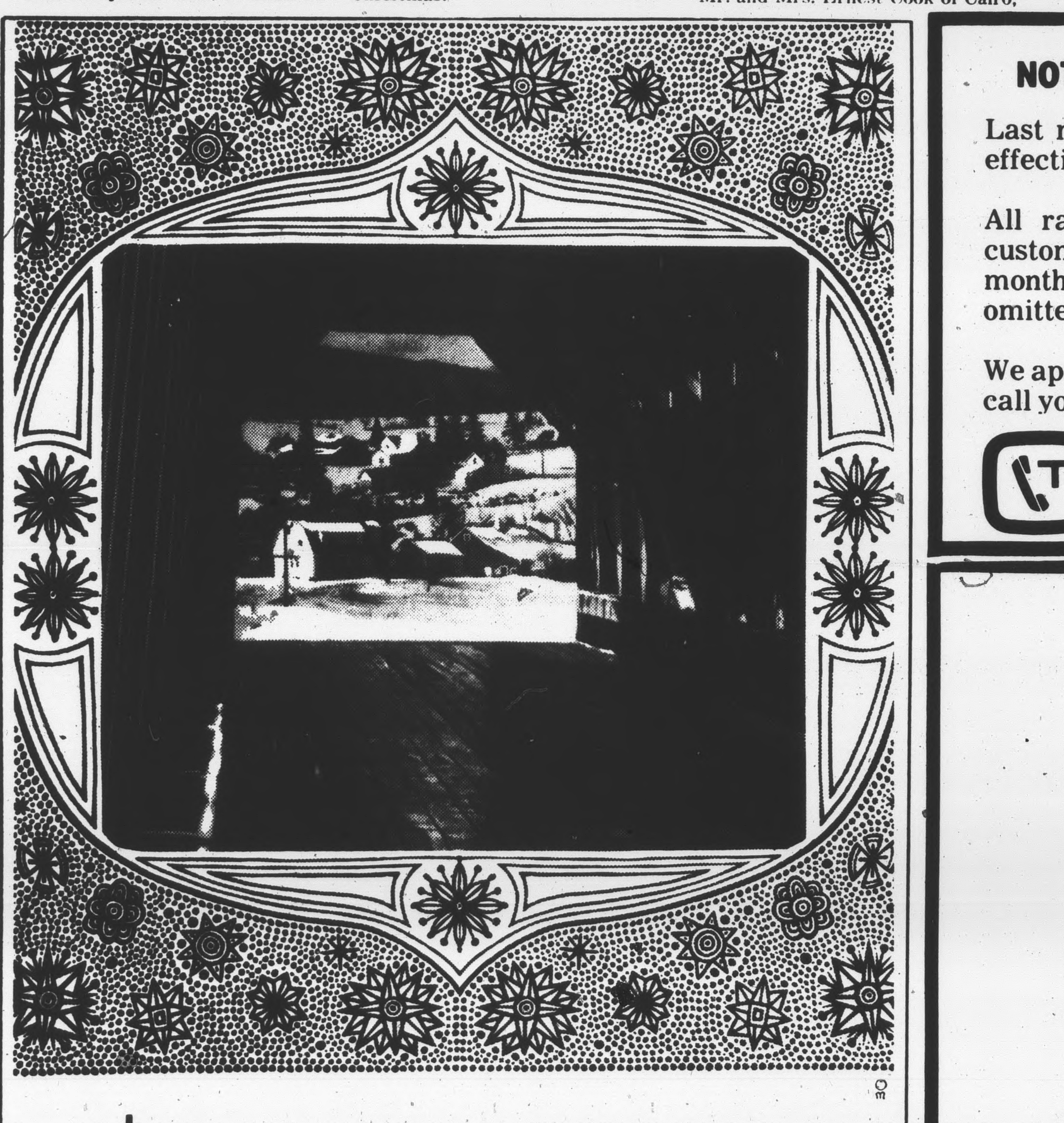
The interest rate charged by the Internal Revenue Service on tax underpayments and paid on overpayments will decrease from 20 to 16 percent, effective January 1, 1983. Interest accruing after December 31 will be compounded daily.

The penalty rate on the underpayment of individual and corporate estimated taxes will also be 16 percent, the IRS said. However, compounding will not affect underpayments of estimated taxes.

The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1982 made these changes in the interest rates. This law provides that the rate will be set semi-annually and will be based on the prime interest rate for the six-month period ending September 30 and March 31, respectively.

Previously the rate was set annually and was based on the average prime rate for September. Interest had been computed at a simple rate.

The next change in interest rates will be made on April 15, 1983, effective July 1, 1983.



It's the little traditions of the Christmas season that make it so special. The sights, the sounds, fun and festivities…all fill the air with a spirit of warmth as we open our hearts and homes with gladness.

Happy Holiday To All

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